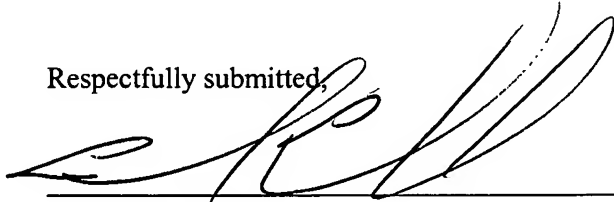


Applicant's prior invention is provided in a separate affidavit, attached. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully asks that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 6-12 and 22.

As a result of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all the claims in the Application are in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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